

THE BARTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT

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GREAT BEND, KANSAS.

City and County.

S. S. Shields, of Maherville, was in the city Friday, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hartman, of Olmitz, were in the city Friday.

Dr. Ayres' mother arrived from Louisville, Kentucky, last week.

Real estate men are picking up their ears and scenting something in the wind.

The orchestra are rehearsing for another grand event, which is soon to take place.

Miss Lizzie Carr, of Hoisington, was in the city for a few days, visiting friends.

L. S. Flint has returned to the city. He has been residing for some time at Nelson, Ohio.

C. Q. Newcombe has been engaged to survey an important line of railroad through this county.

Will Osmond appeared two or three inches taller than usual Friday morning. Its a bouncing baby boy.

A surveying corps has been at the Santa Fe depot for several days preparing to do something.

Several young ladies in the city have commenced reminding the boys, by mail, that the leap year is on.

The Barton county bakery is putting in one of the finest lunch counters in the west. Take a look at it.

At the last meeting of the electric light company it was resolved to double the capacity of their plant in the spring.

Mr. Frank Menefee, of Cherokee, Iowa, who has been here a week visiting with friends, left Friday evening for his home.

Oscella Wood has put in over four hundred tons of clear ice, over a foot in thickness, so far this season and will put in more.

Mr. J. G. Smith, living near the edge of Stafford county, who has for some time been quite sick, is now in a fair way for recovery.

G. P. Lidenberger, the baker for the Barton county bakery, is the father of a new girl. The west side is coming to the front.

Mr. Gunnell returned from Slater, Mo., last week, where he has been sojourning for some time, and reports having had a good time.

Rev. H. M. Menyer, of Halstead, preached at the German M. E. church on Sunday night. Morning preaching at 10:15, Sunday school at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Hollingsworth, living in the western part of the county, who has been confined to his home for some time with inflammatory rheumatism, is improving.

Will E. Harper complains that last week during the bitter cold he was kept on the other side of the railroad track for about fifteen minutes, by a freight train standing on the crossing.

G. L. Brinkman and wife arrived Saturday from Kansas City, on a visit to Mr. Brinkman's parents, who have been quite ill. They will probably remain several days.

Congress has past a law forbidding convict labor on public works, and the Richmond State says a similar law will soon be found on the statute books of every state in the union.

When the wind blows from the north in Kansas, it blows, "but taking the year all around, my dear," the Italian climate predominates. Wait until the fourth of July, and it'll be warm enough.

Judge Hamilton, of Salina, was in the city Saturday, on important railroad business, and said it would not be long ere another line of railroad will be running into Great Bend, and a main line at that.

The oyster social given for the benefit of the Baptist church, in Theo. Griffith's old grocery stand last night, was well attended considering the extreme coldness of the atmosphere and the meetings of several orders and societies.

County clerk D. R. Jones Saturday appointed Mr. J. H. Bement as his deputy. In Mr. Bement we believe the clerk will find an able and efficient deputy, and his large acquaintance through the county will greatly assist in facilitating the business of the office.

Mrs. J. F. Lewis, who has been very ill, is much better.

E. W. Moorehouse is in Hutchinson on business this week.

J. C. Gordon of Kansas City is in town stopping at the Grand Central.

Miss Ella Jones is in the city, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Morgan.

Mr. Louis Hartman and Miss Mary Riedel, of Olmitz, were married last week.

The express car on the Santa Fe burned at Emporia yesterday morning.

The Union services will continue this week and be held in the M. E. church.

There will be an examination of teachers on Saturday, January 28th, in this city.

W. B. King has as yet found no clue to the vandal who set his stable and granary on fire.

Miss Martha Meyers, from Tampa, Florida, is visiting in the city with her uncle, Mr. J. H. Meyers.

J. L. McKenzie returned to this city Saturday, and is instructing the order of Odd Fellows in team work.

Ora Dodge took a flying trip, bump-et-bump, down a flight of steps recently. He says it did not hurt him much.

Mr. J. F. Smith, of Eureka township, faced the south breeze Friday morning and came in on a shopping expedition.

Ambrose Huffman has received a letter from Stanton county, stating that snow is eighteen inches deep on the level, and in several places drifted ten feet high.

As soon as the weather lets up Capt. Hannum will commence work on a three story building for C. F. Willner, on the spot where the old M. E. church stood.

Joe Meeker, of Homestead township, and Rev. DeLaverne, returned home Friday, after being in town a couple of days. Miss Minnie Meeker returns with them.

Our coal men have a good supply of coal on hand now, and no trouble to get eastern coal in any quantity. Canon City coal, however, does not come in fast enough to supply the demand.

The roughs who come together every evening at several places in the city, and relate questionable experiences are not an element to be proud of, and self respecting young men should fight shy of them.

The Smith-Hughes law-suit, which has been in the courts for some time, was set for trial in this city Monday. The difficulty was over a prairie fire, which occurred in Eureka township three years ago.

At the last meeting of Pap Thomas post in G. A. R. hall the by-laws were amended and the assessment raised to \$2.00 per annum. The installation of officers will take place at the next meeting of the post.

Mr. John Plowman, of Adams county, Illinois, is in the city visiting his daughter, Mrs. M. M. Meek. He was here in 1875, and the growth of Great Bend, and the improvements of the surrounding country since that time is far beyond what he imagined it would be.

The following charter was filed in the secretary of state's office in Topeka, the other day: The Central Arkansas Valley Agricultural Association; capital stock, \$20,000. Incorporators—Chas. E. Soule, George Miltimore, R. B. Briggs, L. Chapman, C. C. Wolfe, L. H. Lusk, L. G. Fish, Henry F. Hagan, W. G. Morris, all of Great Bend, Barton county.

The Walnut Creek milling company will soon place a floodor on the ridge of the roof of the mill. The flood pipe will be an inch and a half in diameter, perforated with holes so in case of a fire the water can be turned on so as to flood the roof of the building. Mr. Jones, the plumber for O. V. Dodge, will soon commence the work. They will use the waterworks water.

Sam Comfort, living about six miles north-east of this city, met with a serious accident Thursday while driving a team of horses, hauling feed in a header-box. The horses ran away, throwing Mr. Comfort out, tipping the box over which fell on him and held him fast. He was picked up in an unconscious condition, and was several hours before he resuscitated. He was terribly bruised about the head and shoulders.

Charley Hooper and his friends while away the long winter evening playing authors.

Will Dando says the reason women so often make fast compositors in a printing office is because they are always wanting to get the last word in.

Saturday night was evidently the coldest of the season. The wind went down early in the evening. The mercury also went down, down to 22° below zero.

J. L. Roberts, who has had charge of the construction of the Santa Fe extension from Strong City, returned from Barnard, where the road is built to. The work on that branch is closed till spring. Mr. Roberts will remain in this city until the work opens up again.

Will Kelley returned Saturday evening from a trip through western Kansas and eastern Colorado, in the interest of the Great Bend Mills. He says trade through that territory is beginning to pick up considerably. The travel, however, on the western end of the Santa Fe, is very light.

Ed. O'Connell, a brakeman, had his hand badly crushed while coupling cars the other day on the branch road. While holding the coupling pin in one hand, his glove, which had become wet in some manner, froze to the iron which held him fast, and the cars coming together crushed his hand before he could jerk it away.

Among the unexpected converts at the Methodist church last week were Hon. Nelson Adams, N. B. Freeland, Esq., and Charlie Sturdevant. There is great rejoicing over these conversions, especially; and the hope is universally expressed that they may continue steadfast in their service of the Lord and hold out faithful to the end.—Larned Optic.

W. A. Taylor and wife, of Buffalo, N. Y., old friends of A. J. and G. W. Buckland, stopped in this city a day or two ago, enroute for California. Mayor Buckland had not seen them in eighteen years. Taylor said, among other things, that natural gas, which he used in heating his home, cost him at the rate of five cents per day, the gas being piped eighty miles.

Saturday afternoon a young woman went into the store of Wm. Friend and ordered about \$9.00 worth of goods, stating that her name was LeRoy, that her father lived a few miles from town and that Phil LeRoy, one of our city transfer men, was her brother, also that her father would be in town in a few days with some hogs and would pay for the goods. She left with the goods and presently Phil LeRoy stepped into the store and Mr. Friend inquired about his sister, describing the person who obtained the goods. LeRoy stated he had no sister answering such description, and immediately started out to hunt for the fair deceiver; but alas! she had departed and William found her not.

Retires from Trade.

Saturday Mr. W. H. H. Keeney gracefully retired from the grocery business, and from the business circle of our city, for some time, at least. He started in the grocery business in this city in August, 1882, on a small scale, but soon had one of the leading grocery houses. The newspaper men will lose one of their best patrons—and one who says the secret of his prosperity was in advertising. He is also identified as one of our best public men, having been councilman for a number of years, a member of the Improvement Co. and other public trusts. We are loth to lose such an enterprising merchant, and hope he will, in the near future, return and be one of us again.

Another Mad Dog.

John Armstrong, living on the Cheyenne bottoms, had quite an experience with a mad dog the other day, in which several animals about the place were bitten. As his little girl was on her way home from school a small sized cur dog came running down the road towards her, frothing at the mouth and snapping at everything in its way. The dog attacked her but she managed to beat it away with her dinner pail, and it made straight for the farm house, biting several hogs and a dog which were in its way. Mr. Armstrong ran out and killed the rabid dog, and also the hogs and the dog which had been bitten. Mr. Armstrong thought a cow had been bitten but was not sure.

Make Your Complaint.

If the parties who are continually harping about the officers not doing their duty and hinting about considerable "crookedness" being perpetrated will make a complaint or give information, as becomes the duty of every citizen, I will arrest every one of them. A. L. WHITCOMB.

DIED.

In this city on the 13th inst., of diphtheria, Leroy, aged four years and four days, son of Jacob and Rosa Stauffer. The funeral took place at the residence at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Stauffer have the sympathy of the community, and the hope that their other children, who are sick, may soon recover.

Out of the Frying Pan, Etc.

Husband (with a sigh of relief)—New Years at last! Thank heaven! No more presents to buy, no more bills to pay. No more "father, buy me this, or father, buy me that," no more "John, dear, can you let me have some money, there's lots to buy?" It is over. A few more days and I should have been bankrupt. But the crisis has passed, the night is gone, the morn is breaking, the—

Wife (entering the room)—John, dear, the coal bin is empty.—Boston Courier.

Ellinwood Items.

From the Express.

Sunday last Judge Ronstadt celebrated, in due form, the tenth anniversary of his wedding.

Mr. Ulshoefer and family left last week for Kansas City, where they will make their future home.

If you hear of any news, don't be afraid to tell your printer of it. The news of the day is what makes a newspaper.

To judge from the amount of corn on our streets the past week, one would not think that the corn crop of Barton county was a failure this season.

"Live up to your engagements," says an exchange. But what is a fellow going to do if he has more girls on the string than there are nights in the week?

Now is the time for the poor, down-trodden people of the east to come to bright, happy and prosperous Kansas. Here it is where you will prosper with the prosperous, and live a happy and contented life.

On Tuesday last a party gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Horner, to celebrate the forty-seventh birthday of Mr. Honer. The wishes of all are that he may live to see many more as bright and happy, as the one just past.

L. S. L.

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